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Applicant(s): Youichi ONO et al

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For : IMAGE PROCESSING APPARATUS,
IMAGE PROCESSING METHOD,
AND PROGRAM

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Examiner : Hai Chi Pham

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This is responsive to the Office Action mailed December 5, 2005, the term for response to which expires on March 5, 2006 (Sunday), which is automatically extended to Monday, March 6, 2006.

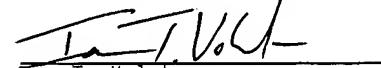
Amendments to the Specification are set forth on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are set forth in the listing of claims which begins on page 4 of this paper. Claims 1-45 are amended; and claims 46-57 are added.

Remarks begin on page 45 of this paper.

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